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SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM MEETINGS WITH FRENCH AND UK
MISSIONS IN GDR

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1. MISSION HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH FRENCH AND UK EMBASSIES
IN GDR REGARDING SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS ON AUGUST 24
WITH U.S. ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM. CHARGES OF BOTH EMBASSIES
WILL MEET WITH THE U.S. TEAM ON THAT DATE. (U.K. CHARGE
INDICATED THAT SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH BRITISH AND FRENCH
MIGHT BE MORE PROFITABLE THAN JOINT MEETING. WE THINK
THIS IS PROBABLY RIGHT; SO WE WILL PLAN IT THAT WAY UNLESS
WE HEAR OTHERWISE.)

2. TEXT OF STOESSEL TALKING POINTS SHOWN TO BOTH JESSEL
(FRENCH) AND RHODES (UK), WHO EXPRESSED VIEWED THAT U.S.
PLANS RE TIMING AND MODALITIES OF FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS
WITH GDR SHOULD ASSIST U.S. IN AVOIDING MANY
UNCERTAINTIES AND DIFFICULTIES UNDER WHICH BRITISH
AND FRENCH HAVE HAD TO OPERATE OVER PAST HALF YEAR.

3. FOREMOST AMONG DIFFICULTIES HAS BEEN QUALITY AND
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AVAILABILITY OF CHANCERY AND RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES.

NEITHER BRITISH NOR FRENCH HAVE YET OBTAINED ACCESS TO ALL OF CHANCERY FACILITIES PROMISED THEM. FRENCH, WHO HAD SIGNED LEASE FOR CHANCERY PROPERTY, HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT RENTAL RATES WOULD BE RAISED AS OF SEPTEMBER BY SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT (BERLIN 1113). BRITISH, WHO HAVE YET TO SIGN LEASES FOR CHANCERY OR RESIDENTIAL UNITS AND WHO HAVE NOT YET PAID SO MUCH AS EAST GERMAN PFENNIG FOR HOUSING, ARE NOT AWARE HOW GENERAL RATE INCREASE WILL APPLY TO THEM. MOREOVER, BOTH EMBASSIES HAVE HAD DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING SUITABLE STAFF HOUSING IN ABSENCE GDR FORMAL COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC NUMBER OF UNITS. AS A RESULT, MANY STAFF STILL RESIDE IN HOTELS AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO FOR FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

4. LOCAL PERSONNEL PROBLEMS ALSO PLAGUE BOTH FRENCH AND UK. CHAUFFEURS APPEAR TO BE ONLY CATEGORY OF GDR PERSONNEL READILY AVAILABLE. OFFICE AND CLERICAL HELP ARE DIFFICULT TO COME BY, ALTHOUGH THOSE OBTAINABLE ARE APPARENTLY OF ADEQUATE QUALITY. HOUSEHOLD AND CLEANING PERSONNEL FREQUENTLY NON-EXISTENT; UK EMBASSY HAS ONE CHAR WOMAN FOR FOUR-STORY CHANCERY. WHILE CONTRACTS ON SUCH PERSONNEL CONCLUDED WITH GDR DIENSTLEISTUNGSAMT TIE DOWN MOST CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT, SUCH THINGS AS TIMING OF VACATIONS, FOR EXAMPLE, APPARENTLY NOT SUBJECT TO CONTROL OF EMBASSIES. KLEIN

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